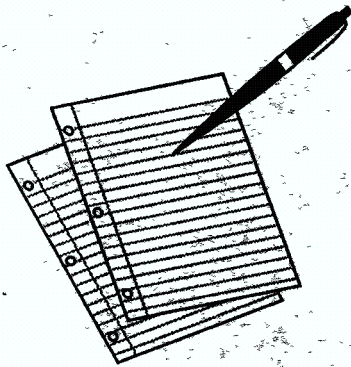


# GEORGIA'S SMALL SYSTEM PEER REVIEW TRAINING PROGRAM



March 1-2, 2000

Barnesville Civic Center  
685 Forsyth Street  
Barnesville, GA 30204  
(770) 358-4889

*Sponsored By:*



Georgia  
Water & Pollution  
Control Association

Georgia Rural  
Water Association



## **THE PEER REVIEW PROGRAM**

Georgia's Small System Peer Review Program is a volunteer program comprised of cities and counties throughout the State of Georgia. The Peer Review is an innovative approach addressing environmental performance, system capacity, and management of drinking water facilities utilizing the expertise created by establishing Peer Review Teams.

### **SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Participating communities are public, private, or municipal water systems that provide potable drinking water services. The Peer Review Program is geared to small and rural communities, but not limited by size or function.

To begin the process, the participating system fills out a comprehensive Self-Assessment form to evaluate the present condition of the system and bring attention to noticeable problems of the system. The Self-Assessment is then sent to the Peer Review Team.

### **ON-SITE PEER REVIEW EVALUATION**

A Peer Review Team, made up of volunteers from surrounding communities, is assigned to do an in-depth evaluation of the participating system. The focus of the team is meeting requirements of existing state and federal regulations including the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Upon completion, the team presents their evaluation to the management of the participating system, along with recommendations for improved operations.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All Peer Review activities are held in the strictest confidence between the team and the participating system. The scope of the Peer Review program is to help systems comply with current regulations and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the Clean Water Act (CWA).

These benefits are achieved by having a participating system do a comprehensive Self-Assessment of their system, followed by an on-site Peer Review Evaluation by the Peer Review Team.

GEORGIA'S SMALL SYSTEM  
PEER REVIEW PROGRAM TRAINING  
Barnesville Civic Center  
March 1 - 2, 2000

Wednesday, March 1

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Welcome, Introductions<br>Gene Camp - Bartow County Water<br>Rita Wayco - EPA            |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Small System Management Funding,<br>Financing & Capacity Building<br>Cheryl Putman, GEFA |
| 3:00 - 3:15 | Break  |
| 3:15 - 5:00 | Cost Effective Operations, Administration,<br>Records, & Billing                         |
| 5:00        | Adjourn  |

Thursday, March 2

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 8:00 - 8:30   | Continental Breakfast  |
| 8:30 - 9:00   | SDWA / GA EPD Water Regulations<br>EPD Staff Representative  |
| 9:00 - 10:00  | Water Sources & Water Treatment<br>EPD Staff Representative  |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Break  |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Monitoring, Sampling & Data Procedures<br>and Requirements<br>EPD Staff Representative                     |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | Distribution/Collection Systems<br>Pumps & Pumping Facilities<br>Storage Facilities<br>Backflow Prevention |
| 11:30 - 1:00  | Working Lunch - Public Relations<br>Bryan Wagener - GW&PCA   |
| 1:00 - 1:30   | Clean Water Act / NPDES Permits<br>Ernie Earn - GA EPD   |
| 1:30 - 1:45   | Pond Systems<br>Keith Higgs - GWWI   |
| 1:45 - 2:15   | Activated Sludge Processes   |
| 2:15 - 2:30   | Break  |
| 2:30 - 3:00   | Biosolids<br>Bryan Wagener - GW&PCA  |
| 3:00 - 3:30   | LAS - Land Application Systems   |
| 3:30 - 4:00   | Monitoring, Sampling, Data Evaluation  |
| 4:00 - 4:30   | Procedures and Forms<br>Benefits of Participation<br>Course Evaluation<br>Gene Camp - Bartow County Water  |
| 4:30          | Adjourn  |

REGISTRATION FORM – Fax to (770) 214-0129 or mail to GWWI, 301 Old Hickory Trail, N Carrollton, GA 30117 (770) 214-0133

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby commit to participate as a volunteer reviewer for Georgia's Small Water System Peer Review Program after attending this training session.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Space Is Limited – Register Early!!



The Peer Review process will benefit participating systems by improving:

- ❖ Profits
- ❖ Reliability
- ❖ Conservation
- ❖ Productivity
- ❖ Efficiency
- ❖ Responsiveness

and by reducing:

- ❖ Non-Compliance
- ❖ Complaints
- ❖ Expenses
- ❖ Violation Costs
- ❖ Downtime
- ❖ Liability

*"The Peer Review Program fulfills the goals of protecting and producing clean water and preserving the health of the people who drink the water."*

*- John H. Hankinson, Jr.,  
Regional Administrator USEPA, Region 4*

*"The State is grateful to all its environmental partners and stakeholders who are willing to share their time and expertise, making tremendous impacts in drinking water quality for Georgia."*

*- Nolton G. Johnson,  
Water Resources Branch Chief  
GA Environmental Protection Division*

## Partners in the Program:

- ❖ Georgia Water & Pollution Control Association
- ❖ Georgia Section - American Water Works Assn.
- ❖ Georgia Water & Wastewater Institute
- ❖ Georgia Rural Water Association
- ❖ Association County Commissioners of Georgia
- ❖ Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
- ❖ Georgia Municipal Association
- ❖ Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- ❖ Conference of Southern County Associations
- ❖ Georgia DNR - Environmental Protection Division
- ❖ U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

## Seminars & Workshops:

For additional information on the Peer Review seminars and workshops, please contact:

**GEORGIA WATER & WASTEWATER INSTITUTE**  
301 Old Hickory Trail, N • Carrollton, GA 30117  
(770) 214-0153 • FAX: (770) 214-0219  
[www.gwpca.org/gwwi](http://www.gwpca.org/gwwi)



GEORGIA WATER & POLLUTION CONTROL ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 6129 Marietta, Georgia 30065  
<[www.gwpca.org](http://www.gwpca.org)>

*Time-Sensitive Material!*

*Working Together to Keep Georgia's Water Clean!!*